

FISCAL NOTE

HB 736 - SB 626

March 27, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the cities and counties that make up the regional transportation authority which includes Davidson, Sumner, Williamson, Wilson, Robertson, Cheatham, Maury, Dickson and Rutherford Counties to pay a yearly local assessment in order to participate in the authority.
- Provides for the mayor of each town or city included within the authority to be on the authority's board. Under current law the mayors of county seats and cities with a population in excess of 4,000 are included on the board.
- Specifies that the governor shall strive to appoint people to the authority's board who reflect the composition and interest of the population within its service area.
- Provides that affirmative or negative votes by the authority board would require a majority of a quorum of the board rather than a majority of the board's membership.
- Specifies that the executive committee of the authority may perform as the administrative body of the board and may be empowered by the board to act in its stead.
- Outlines additional powers for the transportation authority's board including the establishment of the local assessment. Provides for such assessment to be based on a per capita and flat rate with the per capita assessment being a rate not less than ten cents per capita nor more than fifty cents per capita and the flat rate being \$500 annually. Specifies that the local government shall pay either the per capita rate or the flat rate, whichever is greater.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 / Permissive

Other Fiscal Impact - The regional transportation authority affected by this bill will experience an increase in revenues from local assessments and an increase in expenditures to the extent the Authority chooses to exercise the additional authority conveyed by the bill. These increases are estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Estimate assumes local governments choosing to participate in the regional transportation authority will experience an increase in expenditures to pay the required local assessment. This increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000 annually.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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